

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph on page 17 of the specification as follows:

-- The reaction is preferably performed in the presence of solvents such as DMF, DMA, NMP, DMSO, OR CAN, most preferably in DMA or MeCN, in the presence of a suitable base such as tBuOK, ~~CS₂CO₃~~ Cs₂CO₃, (Cesium carbonate), with or without CuI, NaH, or the like, most preferably NaH, at a temperature in the range of about 25 to 120° C. In a preferred method, the starting compounds are heated to 25° up to 100° C in solution in DMA in the presence of NaH. --